

Appeals Information Management System (AIMS) Portal User Guide

For Providers



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Introduction

The Department of Medical Assistance Services (DMAS) Appeals Information Management System, or AIMS, is designed to ensure provider appeals are processed timely per regulations governing Medicaid appeals. Toward this goal, DMAS has given providers online access to AIMS through the portal. This portal access enables providers and their authorized representatives to submit informal and formal provider appeals, track the status of appeals, upload documents, review appeal documents, and withdraw an appeal.

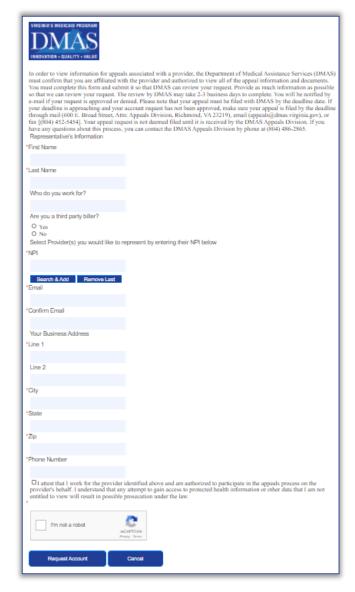
This guide provides instruction for using the AIMS portal for providers. It includes the following topics:

- Submit a Request for AIMS Portal Access
- Create Your User Profile
- AIMS Navigation
- Create a New Informal Appeal
- Create a New Formal Appeal
- AIMS Portal Queues
- Monitor your Queues
- Withdraw an Appeal
- Upload and Download Appeal Documents
- Account Maintenance

Submit a Request for AIMS Portal Access

To request access to the AIMS portal, complete the Provider Account Registration page on the DMAS website, using this link: https://appeals-registration.dmas.virginia.gov/provider This icon (3) indicates a required field – you must complete these fields before click the Request Account button.

This account request is for provider representatives that are authorized to view and provide assistance with appeals on behalf of the indicated providers(s). The DMAS Appeals Division confirms your request by email. If DMAS approves access to the AIMS portal, an account will be created for you, and you will receive separate emails with your user ID and temporary password. You can change your password once you log in.





Note: An appeal is not considered filed until DMAS receives it. Therefore, you should request portal access in advance of the filing deadline. If you do not have portal access by the filing deadline date, you must file your appeal through one of the other methods (mail: 600 E. Broad Street, Attn: Appeals Division, Richmond, VA 23219, email: appeals@dmas.virginia.gov, fax: (804) 452-5454, or hand-delivery) by the deadline or the appeal request will be considered untimely.

If you or your organization submitted a portal access request and have not heard from DMAS within two – three business days, please contact 804-486-2865.

Navigate in the AIMS Portal

The AIMS portal allows online submission of informal and formal provider appeal requests and provides you with quick access to monitor appeals. You can move through the appeals process, upload documents, withdraw an appeal, and view existing documents on an appeal. You navigate the AIMS portal by clicking tabs and selecting records from lists called *queues*. To enter information, you type in text fields, use dropdown menus, and select buttons.



Information: AIMS is a dynamic system – as you enter information or make selections in the portal, the screen may change to show new fields or options.



Note: Some fields in the AIMS portal display a red "R" icon (3). This icon indicates a required field – you must complete these fields before saving or submitting a form or document.

Log In

The AIMS portal is a secure web-based system meaning you can upload Public Health Information (PHI) and other confidential information. You will use a **username** and **password** to log in.

- 1. To log into the AIMS portal, click https://login.vamedicaid.dmas.virginia.gov
- 2. Enter your username in the **Username** field.
- 3. Enter your password in the **Password** field.
- 4. Click the **Sign-In** button.



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5. On the **MES Dashboard**, click the **Appeals** tile to expand.



6. Click the Appeals Information
Management System (AIMS) link.





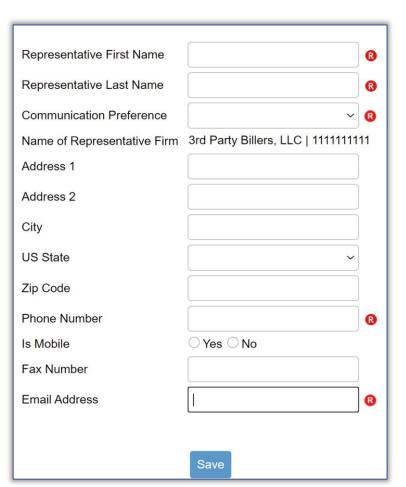
Create Your User Profile

After initial login, AIMS directs you to the Provider Representative tab.



Note: You will need to complete all the required fields and save the entries to create your User Profile. The Name of Representative Firm will be completed for you if required. If you move away from this screen without saving, you can return by clicking the My Profile icon on your dashboard.

 Complete all applicable and required (0) fields on the Provider Representative tab.



- 2. Click the **Save** button.
- 3. Select the **Home** button.



Dashboard and General Navigation

Once you log into the AIMS portal, your dashboard displays; this is your **Home** screen. Here you will find navigation bars and tabs, which remain available to you throughout the portal, including the **Home** tab, **Utility** bar, and **System Notifications** bar.



System Notifications Bar

The **System Notifications** bar appears at the top of your screen and displays notices regarding the system. The most common messages displayed here are notices of planned future outages.

Utility Bar

The **Utility** bar, located just below the **System Notifications** bar, is available throughout the AIMS portal. There are two (2) options on the **Utility** bar.



Sign Out	Sign Out is used for logging off of the AIMS portal.	
Help	If clicked, the online Help popup will display where you can search for page-specific help and links to other resources.	

Home Tab

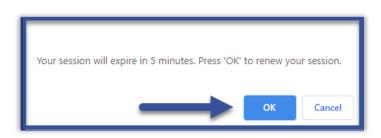
The **Home** tab is located just below the **Utility** bar. You can return to your dashboard from any screen in AIMS by clicking **Home**.



Security Timeout

For security purposes, your AIMS session will time out after 15 minutes of inactivity. If you are inactive for 10 minutes, a popup displays to advise you that your session will expire in 5 minutes.

1. To renew your session, click **OK**.



2. To confirm your session is renewed, click **OK**.



Dashboard Icons

You use the dashboard icons to submit new informal and formal provider appeals and update your user profile.



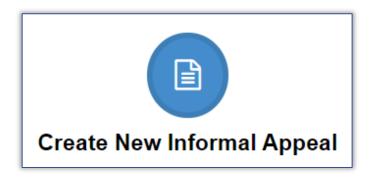
Create New Informal Appeal Click this icon to create and submit a new informal provider appeal.	
Create New Formal Appeal	Click this icon to create and submit a new formal provider appeal.
My Profile	Click this icon to update your profile.



Create New Informal Appeal

The informal appeal is the first step in the appeals process. To create and submit a new informal appeal, click the **Create New Informal Appeal** icon on your dashboard.

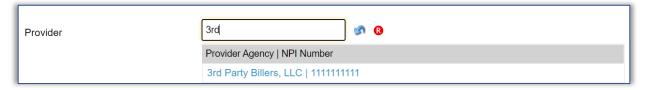
Select the Create New Informal Appeal icon.



On the Create an Informal Appeal form, select the magnifying glass to the right of Provider.



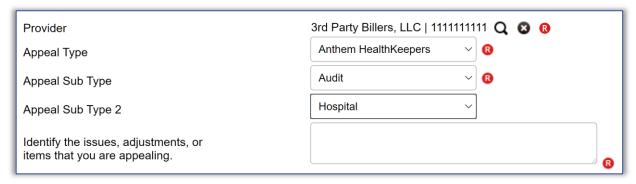
3. In the text entry field, enter the **Provider**.



- 4. Select the **Provider** from the list.
- 5. Select the Type from the **Appeal Type** dropdown.



6. Select the Sub-Type from the **Appeal Sub-Type** dropdown.





Information: Your selection of the **Appeal Type** determines the available **Appeal Sub Type** options as indicated in the table below.

Appeal Type	Appeal Sub Type	Appeal Sub Type 2
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	Audit	 Behavioral Health CCC+ Waiver DD Waiver DME Dental Hospice Hospice Hospital Laboratory Other Pharmacy Physician/Practitioner Transportation
	Claim	o CCC + o Medallion
	Service Authorization	o CCC + o Medallion
Anthem	Attorneys' Fees	
Healthkeepers	Audit	 Behavioral Health CCC+ Waiver DD Waiver DME Dental Hospital Laboratory Other Pharmacy Physician/Practitioner Transportation
	Claim	o CCC + o Medallion
	Service Authorization	o CCC + o Medallion
CGI	Attorneys' Fees Electronic Health Records	
DBHDS-P	Attorneys' Fees	
	Audit	
	Service Authorization	



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DMAS	Audits	 Attorneys' Fees Behavioral Health CCC+ Waiver DD Waiver DME Dental Hospice 	 Hospital Laboratory Other Pharmacy Physician/Practitioner Transportation
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	Enrollment	Attorneys' FeesDenied Enrollment	o Disenrolled
	Payment Suspension	o Attorneys' Fees	
	Service Authorization	Attorneys' FeesDMAS EPSDT	 DMAS Medical Support
DentaQuest	Attorneys' Fees Audit Claim		
	Enrollment Service Authorization		
HMS	Audit	Attorneys' FeesDRG	o Behavioral Health
KEPRO-P	Attorneys' Fees Service Authorization		
MSLC	Attorneys' Fees		
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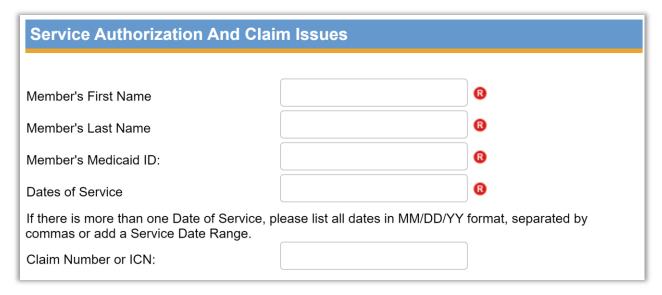
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	Claim	o CCC+ o	Medallion
	Service Authorization	o CCC+ o	Medallion
Optima Family	Attorneys' Fees		
Care	Audit	 Behavioral Health CCC + Waiver DD Waiver DME Dental Hospice CCC + 	 Hospital Laboratory Other Pharmacy Physician/Practitioner Transportation Medallion
	Service Authorization	o CCC +	o Medallion
United	Attorneys' Fees		U IVICUAIIIOII
Healthcare	Audit	 Behavioral Health CCC + Waiver DD Waiver DME Dental Hospice 	 Hospital Laboratory Other Pharmacy Physician/Practitioner Transportation
	Claim	o CCC+	 Medallion
	Service Authorization	o CCC +	 Medallion
Virginia Premier	Attorneys' Fees Audit	 Behavioral Health CCC + Waiver DD Waiver DME Dental Hospice 	Laboratory Other Pharmacy Physician/Practitioner
	Claim	o CCC + o	
	Service Authorization	o CCC+ o	Medallion



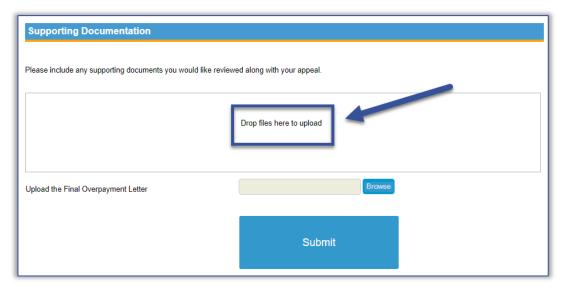
Note: Complete all applicable and required (19) fields.

7. If you select Service Authorization or Claim as the Appeal Sub Type, complete the Service Authorization And Claim Issues sections.



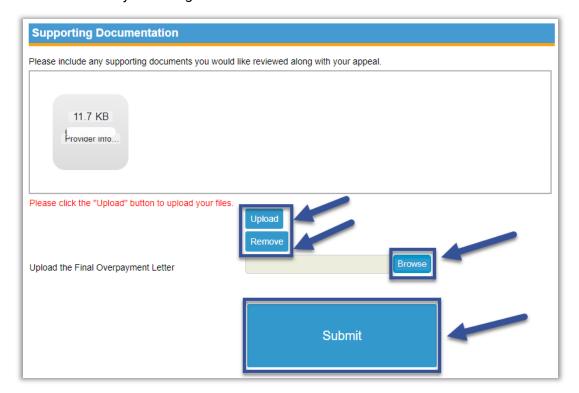


8. In the **Supporting Documentation** section, click the **Drop files here to upload** and select a document from your local directory





9. Then, click the Upload button to attach to your appeal. If you select the wrong document, remove all documents by selecting the Remove button.





Note: If the appeal is for an overpayment, select the **Browse** button and attach the final overpayment letter to the appeal. The accepted file types for **Upload** include DOC, DOCX, PDF, JPG, PNG, GIF, and BMP.

10. Click the Submit button.



Note: You can track the progress of your appeal request in the AIMS portal by locating the appeal in the *Open Informal Cases Queue*.

Create New Formal Appeal

If you disagree with an informal appeal decision, you can submit a formal appeal. <u>A formal appeal can only be filed after an informal appeal decision is issued</u>. Click the **Create New Formal Appeal** icon on your dashboard to submit a formal provider appeal.

If you do not have the form for submitting a formal appeal, the DMAS Appeals Division has a Provider Appeal Request Form on the website at https://www.dmas.virginia.gov/#/appealsresources You can also submit a document outlining what you are appealing and why you are appealing.



Follow these steps to submit a formal provider appeal.

 Select the Create New Formal Appeal icon, and the Formal Appeal Request page opens.



2. Click the **Browse** button and locate the document (Formal Appeal Request form or letter) you wish to upload.





Information: Verify that the **Informal Appeal Number** is on the Formal Appeal Request form or letter.



Note: The accepted file types for Upload include DOC, DOCX, PDF, JPG, PNG, GIF, and BMP.

3. Click the **Save** button.



Note: You can track the progress of your appeal request in the AIMS portal by locating the appeal in the *Open Formal Cases Queue*.



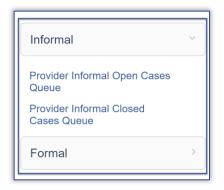
AIMS Portal Queues

Your queues display on your dashboard in two sections: **Informal** and **Formal**. The Informal queues include *Provider Informal Open Cases Queue* and *Provider Informal Closed Cases Queue*. The Formal queues include *Provider Formal Open Cases Queue* and *Provider Formal Closed Cases Queue*.

Access Your Queues

Follow these steps to access a queue.

 Click the Formal or Informal appeal type to expand your queue groupings.



- 2. Click on the name of the queue you want to view.
- 3. The selected **queue** displays on your dashboard.



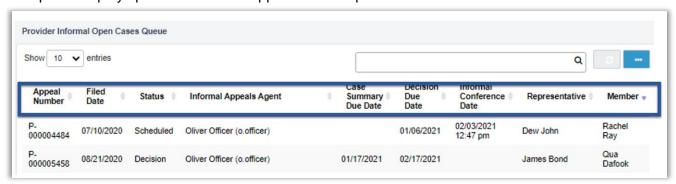


Manage Your Queues

Each queue displays appeals with a similar type and status. The tables below describe each of these queues.

Provider Informal Open Cases Queue

This queue displays provider informal appeals in an "Open" status.



The appeal information displays (if available) under each of the following column headers:

- Appeal Number
- Informal Appeals Agent
- o Informal Conference Date

- Filed Date
- Case Summary Due Date
- Representative

- Status
- Decision Due Date
- Member

Provider Informal Closed Cases Queue

This queue lists provider informal appeals in a "Closed" status.



The appeal information displays (if available) under each of the following column headers:

- Appeal Number
- Informal Appeals Agent
- Representative

- Filed Date
- Decision Date

Member

Status

Decision Outcome



Provider Formal Open Cases Queue

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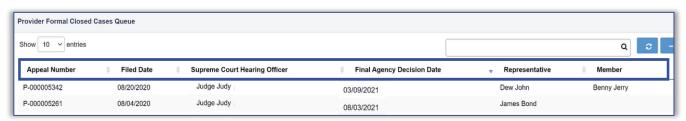


The appeal information displays (if available) under each of the following column headers:

- Appeal Number
- Filed Date
- Supreme Court Hearing Officer
- o Recommended Decision Due Date
- Representative
- Member

Provider Formal Closed Cases Queue

This queue lists provider formal appeals in "Closed" status.



The appeal information displays (if available) under each of the following column headers:

- Appeal Number
- o Filed Date
- Supreme Court Hearing Officer
- o Final Agency Decision Date
- Representative
- Member



Sort Your Queue

There are several ways to display queue lists to make it easier to find what you need.

Click a **Column Heading** to sort the column in descending or ascending order.

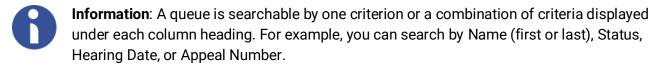


Search Your Queue

If your queue displays multiple pages of results, another way to quickly find what you need is the search feature.

1. Type your search term(s) directly into the **Search** bar and press the **Enter** key on your keyboard.





2. Search results display on your dashboard. To remove a term from the **Search** bar, click the "**X**" on the term.



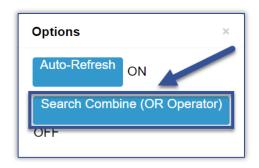
Advanced Search

The search bar can combine search criteria in two ways. By default, your searches show appeals that contain ANY of the criteria you enter. You can turn that off and return only appeals that only contain ALL of your search criteria.

1. To change the search mode, click the **Ellipsis** — button.



 Click the Search Combine (OR Operator) button—the button displays in the "OFF" position.





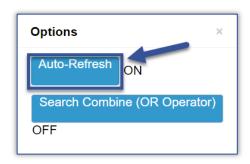
Information: Buttons that display when you click the Ellipsis are toggles. To switch between the "ON" to "OFF" position, just click the button again.

- If the **Search Combine (OR Operator)** is enabled or "ON," the search returns results that match one *OR* more terms entered.
- If the **Search Combine (OR Operator)** is disabled or "OFF," the search returns results that match *ALL* terms, further narrowing your search.

Refresh Your Queues

The AIMS portal refreshes queues automatically. You may also refresh your queues on demand by setting the refresh function to "ON" and "OFF."

- 1. To refresh your queue, click the **Refresh button**.
- 2. To turn "OFF" the automatic refresh function, click the **Ellipsis** button.
- 3. Click the Auto-Refresh button.

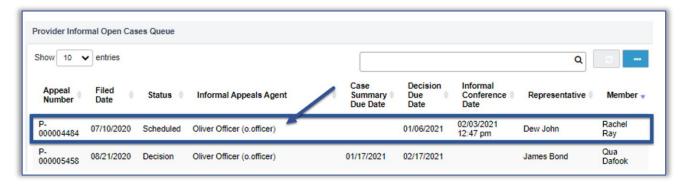




View an Appeal

After you locate the appeal to review, select that record from the queue. The information available to you varies based on appeal status.

To select a record, click anywhere in that record's row.





Information: When you select an appeal from the queue list, the screen refreshes, and the **Appeal** screen displays. The sections that display on the **Appeal** screen vary based on the appeal status. See the following sections for more information on the **Appeal** screen.

Monitor Your Queues

Provider Informal Open Cases Queue

You can upload documents, withdraw an appeal, and view existing documents on your informal provider appeals with an "Open" status in the *Provider Informal Open Cases Queue*.

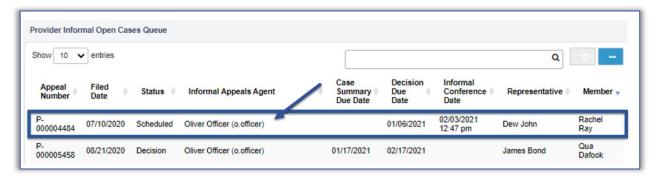
Follow these steps to access this queue.

1. From the **Informal** section, select the **Provider Informal Open Cases Queue**.





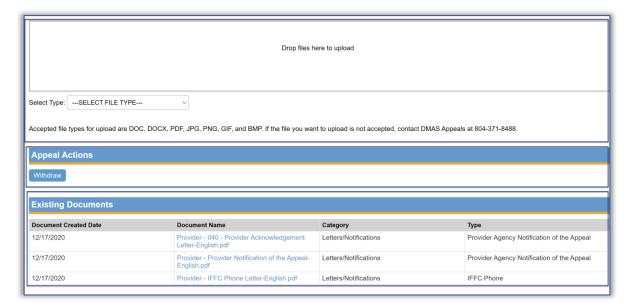
The Provider Informal Open Cases Queue displays on your dashboard. To view the record, click anywhere in that record's row.



3. The screen will refresh, displaying the **Appeal** screen. The **Appeal** screen divides open appeals into three (3) sections.



Information: Each of the three (3) sections on the **Appeal** screen enables you to perform a different task.



- Use the Drop files here to upload section to upload case documents.
- Withdraw an appeal in the Appeal Actions section.
- o Download documents from the **Existing Documents** section.

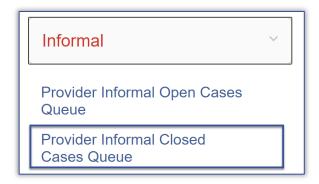
Provider Informal Closed Cases Queue

You can view documents, and other information for your informal provider appeals with a "Closed" status in the *Provider Informal Closed Cases Queue*.

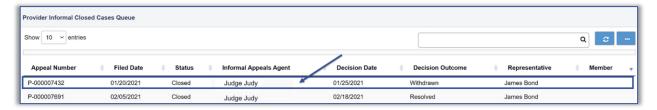
Follow these steps to access this queue.



 From the Informal section, select the Provider Informal Closed Cases Queue.



2. The **Provider Informal Closed Cases Queue** displays on your dashboard. To view the record, click anywhere in that record's row.



 The screen will refresh, displaying the Appeal screen. This screen only contains the Existing Documents section.





Note: If needed, use your window scroll bar to view the entire list of available, existing documents.



Provider Formal Open Cases Queue

You can upload documents, withdraw an appeal, and view existing documents on your formal provider appeals with an "Open" status in the *Provider Formal Open Cases Queue*.

Follow these steps to access this queue.

 From the Formal section, select the Provider Formal Open Cases Queue.



2. The **Provider Formal Open Cases Queue** displays on your dashboard. To view the record, click anywhere in that record's row.

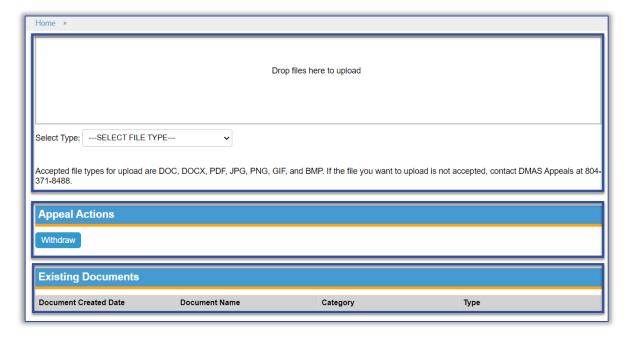


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Provider Formal Closed Cases Queue

You can view documents, and other information for your formal provider appeals with a "Closed" status in the *Provider Formal Closed Cases Queue*.

Follow these steps to access this queue.

 From the Formal section, select the Provider Formal Closed Cases Queue.



2. The **Provider Formal Closed Cases Queue** displays on your dashboard. To view the record, click anywhere in that record's row.



 The screen will refresh, displaying the Appeal screen. This screen only contains the Existing Documents section.





Note: If needed, use your window scroll bar to view the entire list of available, existing documents.

Withdraw Your Appeal

You can withdraw an open appeal at any time from the *Provider Informal Open Cases Queue* or *Provider Formal Open Cases Queue*.

- 1. Select the **Provider Informal Open Cases Queue** or **Provider Formal Open Cases Queue** to locate an appeal you want to withdraw.
- 2. To view a record, click anywhere in that record's row.





In the Appeals Action section, click the Withdraw button.



 Click **OK** to confirm the withdrawal. Click the "X" to cancel the action.



5. The page refreshes, and the **Upload a Document** and **Appeal Actions** sections no longer display on the **Appeals** screen. Click **Home** to return to your dashboard.



Note: The appeal is now closed, and no further action can be taken. You can locate the appeal in the *Provider Informal Closed Cases Queue* or *Provider Formal Closed Cases Queue*.

Upload and Download Documents

You can upload documents in the *Provider Informal Open Cases Queue* and *Provider Formal Open Cases Queue* during the appeal process (within the regulations and set forth by the Informal Appeals Agent or the Hearing Officer). You can download documents associated with an appeal in the *Provider Informal Closed Cases Oueue* and *Provider Formal Closed Cases Oueue*.



Note: The upload feature is not available for the *Provider Informal Closed Cases Queue* and the *Provider Formal Closed Cases Queue*.

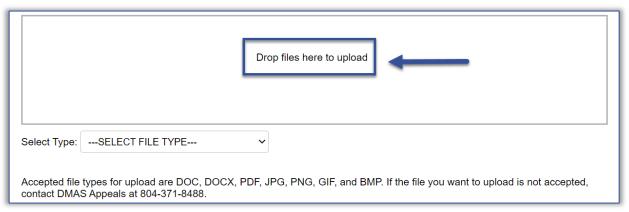


Upload Documents

You can upload documents such as a medical records in the **Drop files here to upload** section at the top of the **Appeal** screen.

Follow these steps to upload documents.

1. Click the **Drop files here to upload** button.

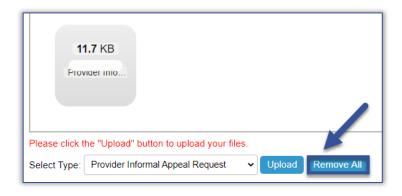


2. Select a document from your local directory. The AIMS portal captures the file name and the file type.



Note: The accepted file types for **Upload** include DOC, DOCX, PDF, JPG, PNG, GIF, and BMP. If the file you want to upload is not accepted, contact the DMAS Appeals Division at 804-486-2865.

 Confirm the document selected is correct. Click the **Remove All** button to replace the document if the selected one is incorrect.





 Select a file type from the Select Type dropdown.





Information: Here is the list of options in the **Select File Type** dropdown.

- Provider eFiler Submitted
- o Provider Submission
- Notice of Action
- Other
- 5. Then, click the **Upload** button.

- o Provider Formal Appeal Request
- o Provider Informal Appeal Request
- o Authorized Representative Document



6. The document now displays in the **Existing Documents** section.

Download Documents

The **Existing Documents** section displays the **Document Created Date**, **Document Name**, **Category**, and **Type** for each document. You can download existing documents from this section on the **Appeal** screen.



Follow these steps to download documents.

In the Existing Documents section, click the Document Name Link you wish to download.





Note: If the document does not open automatically, click the **document icon** at the bottom of your browser window.

2. The document displays in a separate tab or Adobe Acrobat Reader.





Note: Documents display in PDF file format, which includes text formatting and images. You can download and save the document to your computer and/or print a copy as needed.



Account Maintenance

Update My Profile

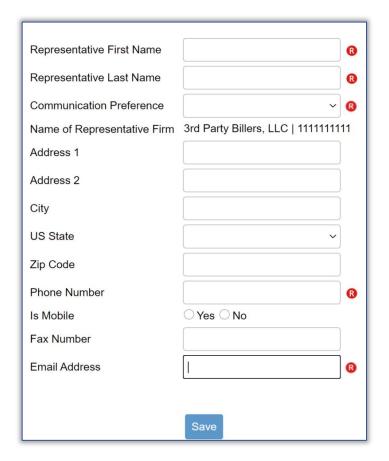
Under My Profile, you can update your account information and contact details.

1. Select the **My Profile** icon from your dashboard.



The Provider Representative page opens. Update the information as appropriate.

Remember to complete all required (9) fields before selecting **Save**.



3. Click **Save** when you are finished.

Need Support?

If you have questions about the AIMS portal or need support, please contact 804-486-2865.